

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 529

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bettye Swain Norwood of Haywood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bettye Swain Norwood; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Norwood was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on October 10, 1934, Bettye Norwood was the daughter of Hardy and Carrie Martin Swain; and

WHEREAS, she retired from the Haywood County School System, from which she earned the respect and admiration of her peers for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Norwood was an active and devout member of First Assembly of God, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Norwood was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of sixty-eight years, Jerry Dolph Norwood, until his passing; and

WHEREAS, she will be lovingly remembered by her daughters, Melinda Overton and Sandy Graves; her brother, Bobby Swain; her sister, Jean Figgemeier; her grandchildren, Chris (Tabitha) Call, Carrie (Jay) McCage, Steven (Malinda) McCool, and Christy (Stephan) Irvin; her great-grandchildren, Blake, Taylor, Damian, Carlie, Molly, Conner, Riley, Jaden, Aidan, Snowden, and Thea; and her great-great-grandchild, Eden; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Norwood was preceded in death by her daughter, Ginger Norwood Warren; her sons-in-law, Leslie Warren and Bobby

Overton; her grandson, Jason Overton; her brothers, Lawson Swain, Harold Swain, and Joe Swain; and her sister, Hazel Barnes; and

WHEREAS, Bettye Norwood leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bettye Swain Norwood, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Norwood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.